

of H.R. 239. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 160 (H.R. 239).

**HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF JOHN LOWNDES**

**HON. STEPHANIE N. MURPHY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2021*

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor my constituent, John Foy Lowndes, who passed away on February 12, 2021, at the age of 90, after a long and illustrious life.

John was born in Medford, Massachusetts and raised in Durham, North Carolina. He graduated from Durham High School in 1949 and went to work as an assistant foreman in a tobacco factory. Later that year he gave up the tobacco job and enrolled at Duke University.

Early in his freshman year, John joined the Marine Corps Reserve and was given the rank of Corporal in the Platoon Leaders group. When he graduated from Duke in 1953, he was made a Second Lieutenant.

After a brief stint as a traveling soap salesman for Proctor & Gamble, John accepted a Marine Corps invitation to The Basic School and then went on to Air Control School. He was stationed in Miami, among other places, and he fell in love with Florida.

In 1955, John left Miami and active duty with the Marine Corps and returned to Durham to attend the Duke University School of Law, graduating first in his class.

After law school, John moved to Central Florida. He practiced law in Daytona Beach, and then in Orlando with the Anderson and Rush law firm.

In 1969, John and three of his law partners decided to launch their own firm. The firm would flourish, becoming one of the largest and most prestigious in the state.

Beyond his work as an attorney, John was a pillar of his Central Florida community.

He chaired—or served on—many boards, including the Orange County Bar, the Orlando Museum of Art, Winter Park Memorial Hospital (now AdventHealth Winter Park), the Winter Park Health Foundation, Friends of the Mennella Museum, the Holocaust Center of Florida, and the UCF Foundation.

John shared an enthusiasm for arts and culture with his wife Rita, and they were instrumental in building and naming the John & Rita Lowndes Shakespeare Center in Loch Haven Park, which opened in 2001.

John lived a rich and full life, doing well and doing good, contributing his time and energy to the causes he cared about, and always making a positive difference.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring John Foy Lowndes.

**JAMES GOLDEN**

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud James Golden

for receiving the Gold Medalist Congressional Award for 2021.

The Congressional Award is a prestigious award from the United States Congress and is awarded to young Americans who demonstrate excellence in four program areas: Voluntary Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness and Expedition/Exploration. The program recognizes young people who strive to challenge themselves and reach new goals.

James received this award because of his determination, hard work and achievements in these program areas. This year, James is being awarded the Gold Medalist Congressional Award—the highest honor and a tremendous accomplishment.

This type of achievement can only be attained with hard work and perseverance, both of which have been exemplified by James. I applaud students like James who work to make the most of their education, commit to being lifelong learners and develop a work ethic and new skills which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to James Golden for his work to earn the Gold Medalist Congressional Award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

**IN RECOGNITION OF ORLAND FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**HON. MARIE NEWMAN**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2021*

Ms. NEWMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of the brave first responders of the Orland Fire Protection District.

This exemplary fire district has shown tremendous dedication to protecting the lives and property of the residents of Orland Park, Orland Hills, and unincorporated areas of Orland Township. Due to their excellence, Orland Fire Protection District is recognized as one of the best fire department organizations in Illinois and the country. Chief Michael Schofield's First Command Team and his first responder units have won national awards for their quick response times, high cardiac save rates, and efficient processes and procedures. Further, Orland Fire is 1 of 84 internationally recognized agencies with both an ISO Class 1 rating and accredited agency status with the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI). They displayed their commendable service during the COVID-19 Pandemic when they created a first of its kind response model to address the immediate needs of the community.

I honor their strong leadership, resourcefulness, and innovation in dealing with the effects of COVID-19 directly and swiftly. Their drive to share knowledge, equipment, and resources will cut inefficiencies and save even more lives. I thank the Orland Fire Protection District for their service, resiliency, and bravery. I honor their dedication, not only today, but every day. They are our heroes.

**HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF  
DR. THOMAS J. HYNES, JR.**

**HON. DAVID SCOTT**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2021*

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary Georgian and a great American, Dr. Thomas J. Hynes, Jr., outgoing President of Clayton State University.

Dr. Hynes is retiring as President of Clayton State University (CSU) after over ten years of serving the institution with honor and distinction. During this time, he has led the University to success and growth and helped secure Clayton State's position at the forefront of Peach State academics. Beloved by Lakers across campus, the leadership of Dr. Hynes has empowered students and greatly strengthened the CSU community.

Throughout his career, Dr. Hynes has committed himself to service through education. He previously served as Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs and Professor of Mass Communication at the University of West Georgia. Prior to his time at West Georgia, he served in various departments at the University of Louisville for eighteen years. Outside of his university experience, Dr. Hynes has greatly benefitted our community. He has served as the overall Chair for the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce, the Chair of the Chamber's Education Committee, a member of the Fayette County and Metro Atlanta Chambers of Commerce, and on the Atlanta Regional Commission, amongst many other local and national positions. I express my deepest appreciation for the dedication that Dr. Hynes has given to the Thirteenth District and the state of Georgia.

Throughout his various tenures, Dr. Hynes has instilled his students and others around him with exemplary values. He has led by example to reflect the importance of service to our communities. He has facilitated and encouraged an open exchange of ideas, a principle too often overlooked in a contentious world. Dr. Hynes has taught his students to pursue excellence through knowledge and to uplift themselves through a quest to reach their full potential. I am deeply grateful to Dr. Hynes for the impact he has left on future generations and I thank him for his ability to connect with his students in such a powerful way.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Dr. Hynes on his retirement from Clayton State University and I wish him continued success, health, and happiness in the future. CSU is also prepared for continued greatness, thanks to Dr. Hynes' commitment to Strategic Plan 2022, an initiative that will give students the resources they need to succeed in a changing world, with an emphasis on community involvement.

May God continue to bless Dr. Thomas J. Hynes, Jr., and Clayton State University.